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SUBJECT: LATIN AMERICAN SUB-GROUP ON TRADE

1. AS A FURTHER STEP IN IMPLEMENTING THE TRADE POLICY INITIATIVES IN THE SECRETARY'S NEW DIALOGUE WITH LATIN AMERICA AS HIGHLIGHTED BY THE APRIL CONSULTATION MISSION OF THE PRESIDENT'S SPECIAL TRADE REPRESENTATIVE, AMBASSADOR WILLIAM EBERLE, A SUB-GROUP ON LATIN AMERICA UNDER THE STEERING GROUP FOR TRADE NEGOTIATIONS HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED. IN HIS ROLE AS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF CIEP, AMBASSADOR EBERLE HAS DIRECTED THAT THE DEPUTY SPECIAL TRADE REPRESENTATIVE, AMBASSADOR HARALD MALMGREN, BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE

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COORDINATION AND IMPLEMENTATION WITHIN THE USG OF THE INITIATIVES IN THE TRADE FIELD INTRODUCED BY THE US AT THE MFMS IN MEXICO CITY AND WASHINGTON. TO CARRY OUT THIS RESPONSIBILITY, THE DEPUTY SPECIAL TRADE REPRESENTATIVE ESTABLISHED AN INTERDEPARTMENTAL SUB-GROUP ON LATIN AMERICA UNDER THE STEERING GROUP FOR TRADE NEGOTIATIONS COMPOSED OF REPRESENTATIVES OF STATE, COMMERCE, TREASURY, AGRICULTURE, LABOR AND THE NSC. THE SUB-GROUP MET INITIALLY ON AUGUST 8. INVENTORIES OF TRADE PROBLEMS OF INDIVIDUAL COUNTRIES WERE DISTRIBUTED AND RESPONSIBILITY WAS ASSIGNED FOR THE PREPARATION OF A NUMBER OF PAPERS ON TRADE ITEMS OF INTEREST TO LATIN AMERICA. THE SUB-GROUP WILL HAVE FUTURE MEETINGS TO REVIEW THESE PAPERS IN DEPTH AS WELL AS TO DISCUSS TRADE PROBLEMS OF PARTICULAR INTEREST TO LATIN AMERICA.

2. PAPERS WERE INITIALLY ASSIGNED ON THE FOLLOWING TOPICS:

A. COMMODITIES:

- (1) SUGAR
- (2) COFFEE
- (3) MEAT
- (4) BORDER TRADE WITH MEXICO
- (5) MUSHROOMS
- (6) APPLES AND PEARS

B. SPECIAL PROBLEMS:

- (1) TEXTILES
- (2) ANTI-DUMPING
- (3) COUNTERVAILING DUTIES
- (4) FERROUS SCRAP
- (5) GSA STOCKPILE DISPOSAL

C. LATIN AMERICAN GSP SUGGESTIONS

D. WAYS OF COORDINATING MTN POSITIONS

E. SUB-GROUP'S ROLE IN IMPLEMENTING USG COMMITMENTS FOR STANDSTILL AND CONSULTATION ON SPECIFIC TRADE PROBLEMS.

3. IN A RELATED DEVELOPMENT, AT THE REQUEST OF MEXICO, UNCLASSIFIED

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A MEETING OF CONSULTATION OF THE OAS'S SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON CONSULTATION AND NEGOTIATION WILL BE HELD IN WASHINGTON SEPTEMBER 9-10 TO REVIEW THE CURRENT STATUS OF THE TRADE REFORM ACT (TRA) WHICH IS IN MARK-UP PHASE IN SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE. AT THE MEETING OF CONSULTATION, THE US DELEGATION WILL DISCUSS THE CURRENT STATUS OF THE TRA, ASPECTS OF THE PROPOSED U.S. SYSTEM OF GENERALIZED TARIFF

PREFERENCES (GSP) AND STATUS OF PRODUCT LISTS, AND THE
FORMATION WITHIN USG OF THE TRADE SUB-GROUP ON LATIN AMER-
ICA. IT IS EXPECTED THAT MEXICO AND OTHER LATIN AMERI-
CANS WILL MAKE STATEMENTS AT THE MEETING OF THEIR INTER-
ESTS AND CONCERNS OVER VARIOUS SECTIONS OF THE TRA.

4. POSTS MAY DRAW UPON THE ABOVE INFORMATION IN THEIR
DISCUSSIONS WITH HOST GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS. KISSINGER

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